

Remarks

All of the rejected claims 1, 4-7, 11, 12, and 15-19 are being canceled. Objected-to dependent claims 2, 8, 13, and 20 are being amended to incorporate all the limitations of the independent claims and any intervening dependent claims from which they depend. Claims 2, 3, 8-10, 13, 14, and 20-22 remain in the application.

Claim Objections

On page two in paragraph two of the Office Action the Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 8-10, 13, 14, and 20-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant is amending the objected-to claims accordingly and requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection and allow the claims. No new matter is introduced.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

On page two in paragraph three the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, 11, 12, and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,987,011 to Toh in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,800 to Basso et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No 6,618,761 to Munger et al. In response, Applicant is canceling claims 1, 4-7, 11, 12, and 15-19.

Conclusion

Applicant is canceling the rejected claims and rewriting the objected-to claims to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (408) 297-9733 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM PST with any comments or questions.

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